

**Public Safety Personnel Retirement System
Local Pension Board Meeting Agenda
Superstition Fire & Medical District**

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38.431.02

Notice is hereby given to the general public the Superstition Fire & Medical District (SFMD) Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Pension Board will hold a meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. The meeting will be held at the Superstition Fire & Medical District's Administrative Office, located at 565 N. Idaho Road, Apache Junction, Arizona. The meeting will be open to the general public and will begin at 4:00 pm local time.

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call.

The following items are to be discussed at the board meeting; action or decisions may or may not be taken on any or all items. Agenda items may or may not be considered in the order listed:

1. Swearing in of Local Pension Board Member Ruben Briones for a new 4-year term.
2. Review and possible approval of the December 6, 2016 Local Pension Board meeting minutes.
3. Call to Public.
A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.
Scheduled: none at time of printing
4. Discussion and possible approval of Paul Perkin's application to participate in the DROP program.
5. Discussion and possible approval of Drew Colby's application to participate in the DROP program.
6. Discussion regarding upcoming changes to the PSPRS program(s), if necessary.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding setting the date / time of the next SFMD Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board meeting.
8. Announcements and Information.
9. Adjourn.

Notice: The Local Pension Board may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Fire District's attorney(s) on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3). One or more members of the Local Pension Board may attend the meeting telephonically.

Local Pension Board meeting agenda dated and posted:

On: February 6, 2017
At: 1730 hours
By: Sherry Mueller

Local Pension Board Meeting – February 14, 2017

Agenda Item: 1

Agenda Item Title: Swearing in of Local Pension Board Member Ruben Briones for a new 4-year term.

Background / Discussion:

Ruben Briones has been selected for an additional term and is being sworn in.

Recommended Motion:

NONE

Agenda Item 2:

Agenda Item Title: Review and possible approval of the August 29, 2016 Local Pension Board meeting minutes.

Background / Discussion:

The Local Pension Board meeting minutes are provided for Local Board review, comment, and approval. After approval, minutes are signed and kept as official public record and a copy is sent to Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

Recommended Motion: *(please read motion as written)*

Motion to approve the December 6, 2016 Local Pension Board meeting minutes.

Enclosure: Local Pension Board Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2016.



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Public Safety Personnel Retirement System
Local Pension Board Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2016

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38.431.02, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT ("SFMD") PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM ("PSPRS"), THE LOCAL PENSION BOARD HELD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, AT 565 N. IDAHO ROAD, APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND WILL BEGIN AT 4:00 P.M.

- A. Chairperson Gene Gehrt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Ron Ohm.
- C. Roll Call showed Local Board Chairperson Gene Gehrt and Local Board Members Jim Geil, Ron Olm and Carlos Rivera were present. Board Member Ruben Briones was absent. Also present were Assistant Chief Brett Broman, Finance Director Roger Wood, Accounting Specialist Jennifer Burke, Division Chief Rick Ochs and Captain Jack Hafer.

1. Review and possible approval of the August 29, 2016 Local Pension Board meeting minutes.

Motion by Local Board Member Olm to approve the August 29, 2016 Local Pension Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Local Board Member Geil. Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. Chairperson Gehrt signed the August 29, 2016 Local Pension Board meeting minutes.

2. Call to Public.

None.

3. Discussion and possible approval of Jack Hafer's application of termination of his participation in the DROP program and apply for normal retirement.

Captain Hafer entered the DROP program on December 18, 2011 and agreed to terminate his employment with SFMD on or before December 31, 2016. He has provided notice to SFMD of his retirement effective December 30, 2016.

Motion by Local Board Member Geil to approve Jack Hafer's application for termination of his participation in the DROP Program, and approve his application for normal retirement. Seconded by Local Board Member Rivera. Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

4. *Discussion and possible approval of Richard (Rick) Ochs' application to participate in the DROP program.*

Division Chief Rick Ochs has applied to enter the DROP program on December 31, 2016. He has completed all necessary paperwork. Rick must terminate employment with SFMD no later than December 31, 2021 in order to comply with DROP guidelines. He started with SFMD on September 2, 1991 and enters the DROP with 25.33 years of service.

Motion by Local Board Member Rivera to approve Rick Ochs' application to participate in the DROP program, and to acknowledge Rick must terminate employment with SFMD on or before December 31, 2021. Seconded by Local Board Member Geil. Vote 4 ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Passed.

5. *Discussion and possible action regarding setting the date / time of the next SFMD Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board Meeting.*

The Local Pension Board discussed the fact that Captain Paul Perkins has indicated he wants to enter the DROP program effective February 28, 2017. Therefore, the Local Pension Board must meet sometime during February prior to that date. The next Local Pension Board meeting has been scheduled for February 14, 2017.

Additional tentative dates in 2017 have been established for future Local Pension Board meetings:

- May 16, 2017
- August 15, 2017
- November 14, 2017

Motion by Local Board Chairperson Geil to approve February 14, 2017 as the date for the next regularly scheduled Local Pension Board meeting. Seconded by Board Member Olm. Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

6. *Announcements and Information.*

- A. Roger Wood provided the Local Pension Board with an overview of the status of the Hall vs. PSPRS court ruling.
- B. Roger Wood informed the Board that John Walka, Vice President of Superstition Fire's Local Chapter of PFFA 2260, will facilitate the selection of a replacement for Board Member Ruben Briones whose service ends December 31, 2016. The new Board Member will be sworn in at the February 14, 2017 Local Pension Board meeting.

7. *Adjourn.*

Motion by Board Member Rivera to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Olm. Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Board Approval:

Preliminary minutes mailed to PSPRS on December 8, 2016.

Gene Gehrt, Board Chairperson

Roger Wood

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Agenda Item: 3

Agenda Item Title: Call to Public.

A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

Background / Discussion:

Call to Public is provided so citizens may address the public body (Local Pension Board) with matters concerning the retirement system. Arizona public meeting law provides that the public body may discuss, consider, or decide only matters listed on the agenda and other matters related thereto. Since the public body will generally not know what specific matters may be raised at call to public, they will be unable to act until the matter is placed on a subsequent meeting agenda (at the Local Board's discretion). The Local Board may also direct staff to follow up on an issue.

Recommended Motion: Not applicable

Enclosure: None

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Agenda Item: 4

Agenda Item Title: Discussion and possible approval of Paul Perkin’s application to participate in the DROP program.

Background / Discussion:

Captain Paul Perkins has applied to enter the DROP program on 2/28/2017. He has completed all the necessary paperwork.

Paul must terminate employment with SFMD no later than 2/28/2022 in order to comply with DROP guidelines. Paul started with SFMD on 2/12/1990 and enters the DROP with 27.047 years of service.

Recommended Motion: *(please read motion as written)*

“Motion to approve Paul Perkins application to participate in the DROP program and acknowledge that Paul must terminate employment with Superstition Fire & Medical District on or before February 28, 2022.”

Enclosure: Completed forms will be provided at the Local Pension Board meeting.

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Agenda Item: 5

Agenda Item Title: Discussion and possible approval of Drew Colby’s application to participate in the DROP program.

Background / Discussion:

Engineer Drew Colby has applied to enter the DROP program on 2/28/2017. He has completed all the necessary paperwork.

Drew must terminate employment with SFMD no later than 2/28/2022 in order to comply with DROP guidelines. Drew started with SFMD on 8/19/1995 and enters the DROP with 20.608 years of service.

Recommended Motion: *(please read motion as written)*

“Motion to approve Drew Colby application to participate in the DROP program and acknowledge that Paul must terminate employment with Superstition Fire & Medical District on or before February 28, 2022.”

Enclosure: Completed forms will be provided at the Local Pension Board meeting.

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Agenda Item: 6

Agenda Item Title: Discussion regarding upcoming changes to the PSPRS program(s), if necessary.

Background / Discussion:

PSPRS is going through a series of changes as a result of the Hall Case. Any updates available at the time of the Board meeting will be discussed with the Board Members.

In January 2017, Staff became aware of a new consequence of SB1428 that becomes effective July 1, 2017. At that time, all firefighters hired after December 31, 2011 are considered “Tier 2B” firefighters and will be eligible for participation in a new Defined Contribution (“DC”) retirement plan that is to serve as a pseudo DROP program for these employees who, by the nature of their beginning service date, are not currently eligible to participate in the DROP program.

The program is set up to be a “negative response” plan, meaning the firefighters are automatically enrolled unless they opt out. Their decision is final for the length of their career; therefore so they cannot opt out and join later, nor can they opt in and then later drop out.

The cost to the District is 4.0% of the employees’ gross wages, and 3.0% for the employees once the District’s contributions end. The schedule of participation is below:

<u>Calendar Year Hired</u>	<u>EE 4.0% Contribution Rate</u>	<u>3.0% Employee Contribution Rate</u>
2012	7/1/2017 through 6/30/2024	7/1/2024 and thereafter
2013	7/1/2017 through 6/30/2023	7/1/2023 and thereafter
2014	7/1/2017 through 6/30/2022	7/1/2022 and thereafter
2015	7/1/2017 through 6/30/2021	7/1/2021 and thereafter
2016	7/1/2017 through 6/30/2020	7/1/2020 and thereafter
1/1/17 & 6/30/17	7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018	7/1/2018 and thereafter

Recommended Motion: Informational only; no motion required

Enclosure: None

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Agenda Item: 7

Agenda Item Title: Discussion and possible action regarding setting the date / time of the next SFMD Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board Meeting.

Background / Discussion:

In accordance with ARS §38-847 (3), a local pension board meeting will be held at least twice annually, otherwise scheduled as needed. In the absence of a quorum (consisting of three member, at least one of whom shall be one of the members elected by secret ballot) for a scheduled meeting, the Chairperson or any two members of the Board may reschedule the meeting as a special meeting. Any meeting may be continued to a later date.

At the past meeting, we proposed the following dates:

- May 16, 2017
- August 15, 2017
- November 14, 2017

Additional meetings may need to be held to address the following, with the actual dates to be determined at a future date:

- A. Any action items that come about as the result of the Hall vs. PSPRS court ruling.
- B. To facilitate DROP applications not currently known.

All meetings would be held at 4:00 p.m. in the SFMD Administration Board Room.

If it is determined that there is no need for one of these regularly scheduled meetings, the Local Board Chairperson will have the authority to reschedule or cancel any meeting.

Recommended Motion: *Motion to approve May 16, 2017 as the date of the next scheduled Local Pension Board meeting.*

Enclosures: None.

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Agenda Item: 8

Agenda Item Title: Announcements and Information.

Local Board may direct staff to act on any of these items or request that they be added to the next meeting agenda.

None.

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Agenda Item: 9

Agenda Item Title: Adjourn.

Recommended Motion: *Motion to adjourn the Local Pension Board meeting.*

Enclosure: None.